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LOK SABHA

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ALLOTMENT OF RO LPG AGENCIES TO SC/STs AND MINORITIES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria fixed to select places and dealer for allotment of Retail Outlets (RO)/Gas agencies to Minorities, Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes;

(b) the number of applications received by the Government from SC/ST/minority candidates for allotment of RO/Gas agencies during 2005-06, State-wise;

(c) the details of places identified for the allotment of new gas agencies/RO in the country, State-wise; and

(d) the time by which the allotments are likely to be made?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a): The public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs) are free to choose locations for opening retail outlet dealerships and LPG distributorships (cooking gas agencies) in the country, including those reserved for the Scheduled Castes(SC)/ Scheduled Tribes(ST) categories, based on feasibility studies undertaken by them. The OMCs select dealers/distributors, including those belonging to the SC/ST categories, in accordance with objective and transparent guidelines laid down for the purpose. These guidelines provide for 50% reservation of retail outlet dealerships, LPG distributorships and SKO-LDO dealerships for different sections of society as under:-

(i) Defence personnel - 8%

(ii) Freedom Fighters - 2%

(iii) Outstanding Sports Persons - 2%

(iv) Paramilitary/ Police/ Government Personnel - 8%

(v) Physically Handicapped Persons - 5%

(vi) Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes - 25%

33% of the dealerships /distributorships in all categories mentioned above will be reserved for women belonging to that category.

(b) & (c): State-wise details about the applications received by OMCs from candidates belonging to the SC/ST category for allotment of retail outlet dealerships and LPG agencies as well as the State-wise details of locations identified for setting up such dealerships/distributorships are available with the Director(Marketing) of the OMCs concerned.

(d): It is not possible to indicate the time-frame for the allotment of retail outlets/LPG distributorships to all applicants, including those belonging to the SC/ST category, as the exercise involves various steps like scrutiny of applications and documents, conduct of interviews of the eligible candidates for selection of dealers/distributors, release of merit panels, field investigation in respect of the selected candidate, etc.